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REQUEST  
FOR  
**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

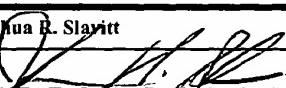
<b>Application Number</b>	09/253,810
<b>Filing Date</b>	February 19, 1999
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Jeffrey W. Bruner
<b>Group Art Unit</b>	1771
<b>Examiner Name</b>	C. Juska
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	21530-B USA

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continuation prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 24, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

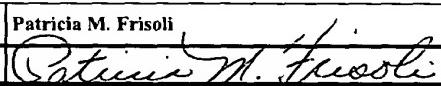
1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.**
- a.  Previously submitted
- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$370.00)
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (\$460.00)
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 830.00 enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

Applicant(s): Jeffrey W. Bruner

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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  - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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